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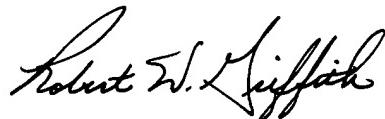
REMARKS

The present application was filed on August 13, 2003 with claims 1-21. Claims 1-21 remain pending and claims 1, 11 and 21 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated October 20, 2004, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-21 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of copending Application No. 09/223,765. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) is filed concurrently herewith to overcome this provisional rejection. The present application and copending Application No. 09/223,765 are commonly owned by International Business Machines Corporation, of Armonk, NY

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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